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UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING APPOINTS NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OIL AND GAS

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has announced the appointment of John Rogers as Associate Director for Oil and Gas. Rogers previously served as an Environmental Scientist in the division's minerals section. Prior to joining the division he worked in the Natural Resources section of the Utah State Tax Commission, and in private industry as a petroleum geologist.

As Associate Director for Oil and Gas Rogers will manage a program whose mission is to promote the exploration, development and conservation of oil and natural gas resources, to foster a fair economic return to the general public for those resources, and to maintain sound regulatory practices to ensure environmentally acceptable activities.

"John's private sector experience as a petroleum geologist and enthusiasm for accepting new challenges will serve him and the citizens of Utah well," said Division Director John Baza. "John's focus on customer service and experience in strategic planning will ensure our Oil and Gas Program continues to be responsive to industry and Utah's citizens."

Rogers is a native of Salt Lake City and earned his B.S. and M.S. in Geology from Brigham Young University. He also holds an MBA from BYU with an emphasis in finance.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is responsible for fostering development of oil, natural gas and minerals in the state and when operations cease to ensure oil and gas wells are properly abandoned and mining sites are satisfactorily reclaimed. For more information see our website at www.ogm.utah.gov.

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